

**Department of Agriculture**

**404.7001**

**Subpart 404.4—Safeguarding  
Classified Information Within  
Industry**

**Subpart 404.11—Central  
Contractor Registration**

**404.403 Responsibilities of contracting  
officers.**

When a proposed solicitation is likely to require access to classified information, the contracting officer shall consult with the Information Security Staff, Personnel and Document Security Division, Office of Procurement and Property Management, regarding the procedures that must be followed.

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**Subpart 404.6—Contract Reporting**

**404.601 [Reserved]**

**404.602 Federal Procurement Data  
System.**

(a) Contracting activities shall report contract actions into the Federal Procurement Data System in accordance with the instructions issued or distributed by the SPE.

(b) The unique identifier for each contract action reported to the Federal Procurement Data System shall begin with the two-letter USDA Agency Prefix “AG”.

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**Subpart 404.8—Government  
Contract Files**

**404.870 Document numbering system.**

The SPE shall issue AGAR Advisories to establish and maintain a numbering system for USDA contracts, modifications, and delivery/task orders. USDA contracting offices shall number contracts, modifications, and orders in accordance with this numbering system.

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**404.1103 Procedures.**

(a) Contracting officers and other USDA employees shall not enter information into the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database on behalf of prospective contractors. Prospective contractors who are unable to register on-line at the CCR Web site should be advised to submit a written application to CCR for registration into the CCR database. USDA employees may assist prospective contractors by downloading the registration template, CCR handbook, and other information from the CCR Web site and providing copies of that material to requesters. Written applications for registration may be submitted to Department of Defense Central Contractor Registration, 74 Washington Ave., Suite 7, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3084.

(b) Verification that the prospective contractor is registered in the CCR database shall be done via the CCR Internet Web site <http://www.ccr.gov>. This verification process using the CCR Web site applies both to acquisitions executed using USDA legacy procurement systems and the USDA Integrated Acquisition System.

(c) AGAR Advisories issued by the Office of Procurement and Property Management will address internal procedures for integration of contractor information in the CCR database with the USDA FFIS payment system.

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**Subpart 404.70—Precontract  
Notices**

**404.7001 Solicitation provision.**

The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 452.204-70, Inquiries, in all solicitations.